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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence) *I canan. Ref.*

SUBJECT: Aide Memoir for Possible Talk with Admiral Strauss
re. AE Intelligence

1. The legislation creating and governing the Atomic Energy Commission does not mention any responsibility of the Commission in regard to intelligence.

2. The Commission's intelligence activity was instigated by a 1947 memorandum prepared by Admiral Sauers at the request of Mr. David Lilienthal, then Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. As a consequence of this memorandum, the AEC received IAC membership and entered the intelligence community.

3. There has been a marked change in the activities of the intelligence community since that date, particularly the growth of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

4. The following intelligence program is now recommended for the Atomic Energy Commission:

a. Discontinue participation in intelligence activities other than in a support capacity for the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC):

(1) CIA to provide briefing and information services to the extent desired by the AEC.

(2) Liaison channels to be established as follows:

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(a) AD/SI to a member of the Commission designated by its Chairman. [REDACTED] is serving informally in this capacity at the present time.

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(b) A channel to a designated person for advice and implementation in the program now under the responsibility of [REDACTED]

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(3) AEC representation on the IAC and Scientific Estimates Committee to be discontinued with OSI assuming responsibility for presenting the AEC interests.

(4) The AEC to establish a small unit for support of the AE intelligence effort. The head of this unit would sit with the JAETC as a non-voting adviser and maintain liaison with and obtain direction from Chairman, JAETC.

(5) Present arrangements between the security office of the Commission and the CIA should be continued as at present.

5. The support services contemplated in the program outlined above include supplying background information, arranging for indoctrination of new intelligence analysts by increasing their familiarity with certain parts of the atomic energy program, making feasibility studies on the utilization of certain intelligence equipment and studying intelligence indicators related to foreign programs. OSI will be glad to provide desk space for one or two AEC personnel, if so desired. Mr. Spoffard English of the Research Division of the AEC is considered to be an excellent individual to head up the proposed unit within the Commission.

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